States/UTs and the concerned Central Ministries for their comments and has also been posted on the Ministry's website at www.rural.nic.in. The Ministry is in the process of finalizing the methodology for identification of people living below the Poverty Line in rural areas of the country, taking in to account the suggestions/comments of States/UTs and Central Ministries.

**Fund provided under IGNOPS to Uttarakhand**

2900. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to State Government of Uttarakhand under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, during the last two years;

(b) whether the State Government has requested to provide additional fund under these schemes and also for such other schemes; and

(c) if so, whether Government has provided fund to complete all the above mentioned projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) Rs. 1841.90 lakh during 2007-08 and Rs.4720.53 lakh during 2008-09 were released to the State Government of Uttarakhand under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) which includes, among others, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS).

(b) and (c) The State Government had not requested for additional fund under NSAP during the last two years as funds released by the Central Government were sufficient to meet the requirement.

**DPAP in Madhya Pradesh**

†2901. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts where projects have been started in Madhya Pradesh under Drought-Prone Area Programme (DPAP), the number of proposals received from the State in this regard and the number of projects alongwith amount sanctioned for each proposal; and

(b) by when the rest of the proposals will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR ADHIKARI): (a) and (b) The Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) has been under implementation in 27 districts of Madhya Pradesh. Since 26.02.2009, DPAP, Desert Development Programme (DDP), and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) of the Department of Land Resources have been consolidated into

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.